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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 02-JUN-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 06/02/01	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/26/01
BRO-FRY	149,773	163,250
LT HENS	1,423	1,660
HVY HENS	1,256	1,606

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEKS ENDING 26-MAY-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	210	0	210
LAST WEEK	509	0	509
SAME WK YR AGO	219	0	219
TO DATE 2001	10,329	143	10,472
TO DATE 2000	10,518	50	10,568

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,805	1,568	3,373
LAST WEEK	2,111	1,460	3,571
SAME WK YR AGO	2,296	1,553	3,849
TO DATE 2001	48,360	28,447	76,807
TO DATE 2000	53,242	29,134	82,376

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 26-MAY-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	160,883 (A)	1,595	1,568	3,163
AVG WT	5.02	3.16	8.33	5.72
LAST WEEK	160,375	1,602	1,460	3,062
SAME WEEK YR AGO	158,730	2,077	1,553	3,630
AVG WT	4.94	3.36	7.75	5.24
TO-DATE/2001	3,187,013	38,031	28,304	66,335
TO-DATE/2000	3,236,472	42,724	29,084	71,808

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.3 million head or 4.4 million head less than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING MAY 19,2001**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

HEAD	31,129	32,874	48,104
AVG WEIGHT	3.79	4.72	6.12
% OF TOTAL /1	28%	29%	43%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	36,171	22,826	50,244
AVG WEIGHT	3.82	4.75	6.11
% OF TOTAL /1	33%	21%	46%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	40,158	31,342	44,109
AVG WEIGHT	3.75	4.83	5.93
% OF TOTAL /1	35%	27%	38%
TO DATE/2001	651,032	521,768	909,723
TO DATE/2000	669,374	639,080	819,990

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 26-MAY-01
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,999	2,586	42	6	4,633
AVG WT	16.31	35.38	24.47	30.57	27.04
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,067	2,689	50	0	4,806
SAME WEEK YR AGO	5,141 (B)		3	14	5,158
AVG WT	25.86 (B)		28.00	25.43	25.86
TO-DATE/2001	96,588 (B)		817	277	97,682
TO-DATE/2000	96,619 (B)		328	782	97,729

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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